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that. Section 2 of Rule 4 indicates that resolutions which propose amendments to the State Constitution shall be considered and adopted in the same manner as bills. We have always done it that way. I think we should continue to do it that way. I think we are going to look awfully silly if we act in this fashion at this late hour without something that has even been introduced as a bill, and with that I would yield the rest of the time to Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, we have adopted a number of checks for constitutional amendments. Our rules currently require that constitutional amendments come in the form of resolutions and be treated like bills which means, check one, they are subject to a public hearing so people can discuss the merits or lack thereof of the amendment; check two, they are voted upon by a committee; check three, they are voted on General File and amended therein; check four, they are voted on Select File and amended therein; and check five, they are voted on Final Reading. They could even be amended on Final Reading because you bring it back to Select File for specific amendment. You have got five different checkpoints for every constitutional amendment that comes along. With a bill you have got six different checkpoints because you still have the Governor's veto but not on a constitutional amendment. So what would happen today unless the Chair is overruled, it is an up or down vote on a resolution that has not had a public hearing, that has not had a committee vote, that has not had a General File vote, a Select File vote, and this obviously would be the Final Reading vote. We, in effect, would be cutting down all of our checkpoints. We would be cutting down all of our rules to vote on this particular amendment and to send it to the voters where it could conceivably be memorialized for a hundred years in the Nebraska Constitution. That is bad policy and I will remind you of the famous quote of Sir Thomas More, the man for all seasons who defends the law in England, who defends the law in England particularly against the rule of Henry VIII because Henry VIII wanted the law broken and the law bent because he wanted to do things his way and Sir Thomas More